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*Election 2009 Comes To A Close With Familiar Faces*

## Antonio, Powers, Smith At-Large

by Margaret Brinich  
Editor-In-Chief

At the end of the evening on November 3rd, 2009, Lakewood's general election results brought together a largely familiar cast of characters in Lakewood politics. The one outlier of the day, Monique Smith, will hold one of three At-Large City Council seats, beating out former Ward 2 council person, Ryan Patrick Demro in a closely contested race. Smith will be join Nickie Antonio and

Brian Powers, both of whom retain their current seats on council, with Powers coming in as the top vote getter of the six candidates. Coming up short were the remaining three candidates Ryan Patrick Demro, Daniel Shields, and newcomer Jared Shapiro; each candidate received 5229, 3789, and 1984 votes, respectively. At large council seats are held for four years and, unlike ward specific

council members, serve the entire geographic area of the City of Lakewood.

In other lower profile municipal level races, three incumbents vying for just three positions on the Lakewood Board of Education, Betsy Shaughnessy, Edward Favre, and John Kamkutis all retain their seats on the Board. Long time Lakewood Municipal Court Judge Patrick Carroll, much like the Board of Education race, ran unopposed and continues his position as a well-known figure both in his courtroom at City Hall and throughout the Lakewood community.

Many changes to the wording of Ohio's constitution are in store as the proposed constitutional amendments,



Council-Person-At-Large Nickie Antonio celebrates with family and friends at Route 6 on Detroit Ave.

Issues 1, 2, and 3 all passed with flying colors. Of the issues specific to Cuyahoga County, both 4 and 6 passed with sub-

stantial margins. Issue 5 failed by an equally impressive proportion of votes.

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Please join Mayor Ed FitzGerald  
as he hosts the  
Charity Ball at the Beck Center for the Arts.

Saturday, November 14th 2009  
Beck Center for the Arts  
17801 Detroit Avenue  
7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

For more information contact Holly Lauch at 216.521.7580

## Screw Factory Artists Open Studio Event

by Mel Page

The (Screw Factory) artists of the Lake Erie Building are hosting an open studio event on Saturday, November 7th from 3-9pm. Included are works in glass, ceramics, mosaics, jewelry, fiber art, prints and paintings as well as clothing.

The Lake Erie Building Holiday Open Studio includes work from over 20 resident artists including:

Ann Brown, Gina DeSantis, Robert Durr, Chad Hansen, Michael Hudecek, Peter Jennings,

Karen Jewell-Kett, Phyllis Kohring Fannin, Marc Konys, Chrissy Lapossy, Level Design, Christine Mason, Michelle Mowery, M.C. Nagel, Mary Beth Norton, Nadine Norton, Shannon Okey, Steve Ollay, Ann Onusko, Arabella Prof-

fer-Vendetta, Dan Pruitt, Kari Sanford & Kate Tobin.

Visiting artists include:

J. C. Collins, Elizabeth Emery, Frank'n stuff, Mallo-rie Freeman, Erika Kleinhart, Kylee Koszela, Deborah Pinter, Sandy Millman, Alicia Nagel, Second Saturday Artists, Ruth Sholtis-Furyes, Small Screen Designs, Nancy Spotts, Udella Spotts, Bart Virtunski & Cheryl Weinstein.

Live music from Casual Encounters & Mark Kleinhaut.

After party at the Grafton St. Pub. located at 13603 Madison Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107.

For more information contact Gina DeSantis at 440.785.5409 or

artzy\_grl@yahoo.com. Or visit <http://www.screwfactory-artists.com>.

## Lakewood To Honor Veterans On Nov. 11th At Lakewood Park

by Melissa Garrett

Mayor Ed FitzGerald and the Lakewood Veterans Advisory Committee will host the City of Lakewood's Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue. Lakewood's annual Veteran's Day observance is a tribute to the men and women who served our country in the armed forces.

Lakewood's Veterans Day program will begin with the Presentation of Colors followed by the singing of the National Anthem by The Four Vet Quartet.

This year's keynote speaker is Retired Colonel James Riley of the United States Army Reserves. Colonel Riley was commissioned in the US Army from the ROTC program at Kent State University in 1972. His 30 years of active duty and reserve assignments have included Air Defense Artillery, Military Intelligence and Psychological Operations. In 2001, he was recalled to active duty to serve in Bosnia as the Inspector General for the NATO base in Sarajevo. In 2006-2007, he worked as a military contractor in Kuwait, where he trained foreign military troops



Mayor Edward FitzGerald addresses the large crowd last year.

in security and intelligence matters. Now he works for the same company and conducts anti-terrorism training at US Army bases in Korea, Japan, Germany, Italy and the U.S. In his civilian life, he is a former Lakewood police officer and a retired supervisor from the Ohio Adult Parole Authority. He is a life member of the VFW, Amvets, and the American Legion. He also serves with the Joint Veterans Honor Guard. Jim is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal,

the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the NATO medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He has been married to his wife Kathy for 39 years. They have four grown children and six grand children.

Other highlights of this year's program include performances by the Lakewood High School Band, The Four Vet Quartet and a 21-gun salute by the Joint Veterans Honor Guard. The Veterans Day Ceremony is free and open to the public.

Following the ceremony, coffee and doughnuts will be offered in the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park.



# Lakewood Calendar

This calendar presents various public Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks (excluding Lakewood Public Library sponsored events found separately on the Lakewood Library page). Your Lakewood calendar item can appear on this calendar too, by submitting items to our website public calendar at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com) Home Page.

## Thursday, November 5

### Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

5:30 - 7:30 PM Chick-Fil-A, 20801 Center Ridge Rd. Rocky River  
Roosevelt Elementary School is hosting a Spirit Night at Chik Fil A in the West-gate Plaza. All schools are invited to join us for an evening of good food, fun, and games! Please come and show your support of Lakewood City Schools!

### Foster/Adoptive Parents Information Session

6:30 - 8:00 PM Lakewood Library Meeting Room, 15425 Detroit Avenue.  
The Lakewood Collaborative, part of the Division of Youth, is holding two infor-mation sessions for parents interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents. Call the Division of Youth for more information, 529-6108.

### Susan Goldberg Headlines League Speaker Series

7:00 - 9:00 PM Trinity Commons at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave.  
Susan Goldberg, Editor of The Plain Dealer, is the featured speaker at the League of Women Voters Cuyahoga Area's first "First Thursdays". Her talk is titled "How The Plain Dealer Makes a Difference." Free parking for attendees behind the Cathedral off Prospect Ave.

This season's theme for "First Thursdays" is WOMEN WHO KNOW THEIR PLACE, featuring women who have achieved a high level of success in their fields. It also recognizes the 90th anniversaries of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. For more infor-mation please call 216 781-0555 or visit <http://www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org>.

## Friday, November 6

### "Harvey" - Lakewood High School Barnstormers Production

8:00 PM, Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Franklin Ave.  
Tickets: \$3 in advance at LHS Bookroom; \$5 at the door. Shows on Sat. & Sunday.

## Saturday, November 7

### Barton Center Harvest Festival

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Barton Center, 14300 Detroit Avenue  
Festival throughout Barton Center offering: arts and crafts; homemade knit, cro-chet and sewing items; doll house, football tickets and other raffles; greenhouse; bake sale; snack bar open for lunch; resale shops; antiques; Christmas shop; new merchandise vendors

### Lake Erie Building Holiday Open Studio

3:00 - 9:00 PM Lake Erie Building, 13000 Athens Ave. See Front Page for details.

### Contra Dance with Mud In Yer Eye String Band

7:00 - 11:00 PM Masonic Temple Ballroom  
String band *Mud in Yer Eye* with caller Carol Kopp do the contradance in the beau-tiful ball room of the Masonic Temple every First Saturday of the Month. Singles and couples, age 7 to 100 welcome! No previous dancing experience nec-essary. Lessons start at 7 PM. Dance starts at 8 PM. Wear comfortable shoes and tickets. \$6 charge at door.

### "Harvey" - LHS Barnstormers Production

8:00 PM Lakewood Civic Auditorium. ALSO SHOWING ON SUNDAY.  
Tickets: \$3 in advance at LHS Bookroom; \$5 at the door.

## Tuesday, November 10

### Top 10 Medicaid Mistakes

7:00 - 8:00 PM Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Ave.  
This course will cover the top 10 mistakes families make regarding Medicaid and long-term care issues. It will explain terminology, important dates and strategies authorized under the Ohio Medicaid rules, including the myths about Med-icaid laws. Fee: \$10 for Residents and Non-Residents. To register, please call the Lakewood Community Education & Recreation Department at (216) 529-4081 or visit [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com)

## Wednesday, November 11

### Veterans Day Ceremony

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue  
See Front Page for details.

### Heartsaver AED/CPR Course

6:00 - 9:00 PM Fire Station #1: 14601 Madison Avenue  
This course teaches the basic techniques of adult CPR and how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). The cost is \$20/person. To register, call (216) 227-2404.

## Thursday, November 12

### Lakewood High School Marching Band Concert

7:30 PM Lakewood Civic Auditorium at Lakewood High School Campus

## Friday, November 13

### Instrumental Evening for the Earth by Earth Day Coalition

6:00 - 9:30 PM Westshore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River.  
Earth Day Coalition proudly presents the 12th Annual Instrumental Evening for the Earth. The black-tie optional fundraiser. World-Class Chamber Music, Local and Organic Reception, Green Silent Auction, Seating is Limited. Walk-ins are wel-come. Tickets are \$75 per person. Register online at [earthdaycoalition.org](http://earthdaycoalition.org) or call 216.281.6468.

### Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Auction "Denim & Diamonds"

7:00 PM Behind the Woods in Rocky River.  
Live and silent auctions, dinner, & a cash bar. Tickets are \$35 per person. More infor-mation can be found at [www.lecpta.com](http://www.lecpta.com) or by contacting [dbgilliland@yahoo.com](mailto:dbgilliland@yahoo.com).

### Virginia Marti College Foundation - The Art of Design for 09

7:00 PM Embassy Suites, Independence, Ohio  
This second annual fundraiser includes a silent auction, dinner, & fashion show. Featuring: Fashion Show commentary provided by fashion writer Evelyn Theiss from the Plain Dealer. Guest Speakers include Jeffrey Paul, President and founder of the non-profit "Wigs for Kids"; VMCAD Alumnus Hector Vega; and a fashion show brought to you by students and alumni of Virginia Marti College of Art & Design. For tickets contact 221-8584. See Page 8 for ad.

### John Fisher: Contemporary Christian Benefit Concert

9:00 PM The Winchester Tavern, 11212 Madison Ave.  
John Fischer's career spans over thirty-five years, first as a singer / songwriter, recording artist and pioneer of the 1970's Jesus Music Movement that swept the Nation, then as a best-selling author, and currently as a popular speaker at confer-ences, retreats, churches and colleges / universities nationally. This is his first ever concert performance in Cleveland! This concert is a benefit for Liberation UCC. Tickets are \$20.00. For more information call 216-521- 5556.

## Saturday, November 14

### Dana's Legacy Program - Abby Johnson's Tree Dedication

2:00 PM at Lakewood Park.  
As part of Lakewood City's Park Donation Program named Dana's Legacy, a tree has been donated in the name of Abby Johnson. See Page 18 for more details.

### LHS Orchestra Marathon Concert

5:00 PM Lakewood Civic Auditorium at Lakewood High School Campus

### Mayor's Charity Ball at the Beck Center

7:00 - 11:00 PM Beck Center for the Arts. See Page 5 for details.

## Monday, November 16

### Board of Education Meeting

7:00 PM Board of Ed., 1470 Warren Rd

## Tuesday, November 17

### Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes

7:00 - 8:00 PM Garfield Middle School, at Hilliard & Madison Ave.  
Most people do not think they need an "Estate Plan" because their situation is simple or modest. The fact is everyone needs an "Estate Plan". This course will cover the 10 common planning mistakes that can put you and others in jeopardy. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the core directives essential in every plan. The cost is \$10 for Residents and Non-Residents. To register please contact the Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Department at (216) 529-4081 or visit [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com).



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[lakewoodhospital.org/ortho](http://lakewoodhospital.org/ortho)**





Lakewood Observer

# Bailey Building Redevelopment Underway

by Lakewood City Planning & Development Department

On October 26th, construction began on an ambitious rehabilitation of the Bailey Building. Using a 126 ton crane, crews have been systematically removing 16,000-pound concrete panels to restore the classic brick and stone of the original Bailey Building.

At the urging of the Department of Planning and Development, and incentivized through a loan from City's Economic Development Fund, the building is going to be restored to its original 1930's grandeur. Coupled with significant improvements on the building's interior, it will be an asset to efforts to attract new businesses to Lakewood. Updated office spaces are needed to compliment the new retail and other development recently prevalent in Downtown Lakewood.

"Even in these tough economic

times, development in Lakewood is thriving, especially downtown. This project is one of many rehab and new construction projects underway on Detroit Avenue right now," said Lakewood Mayor Ed FitzGerald. "The visibility and scale of this project, in the middle of downtown, lets visitors know what Lakewood residents already know: we're back."

The Bailey Department Store opened in 1930 at the corner of south-east corner of Warren and Detroit. The three story brick and stone building was a retail icon in Lakewood for decades with its wide storefront windows, big green awnings and large selection of clothing and accessories.

In the 1960's the building was radically modified and "modernized" to keep up the changing cultural and architectural styles, a concrete façade was placed over the brick and Bailey's

became Neville's Department Store. Since then, the architecture of that corner—the busiest in our city—was an uninviting, dark corner at Warren and Detroit that did nothing to welcome pedestrians, visitors or businesses to our city.

In January, the building was purchased by a local property development and ownership company. They committed to purchase and rehabilitate the INA and Bailey buildings with the intent to rehab the 14701 block of Detroit Avenue. The building owners, Kowit & Passov, Then Design Architects and the City of Lakewood have been working together since January to develop a rehabilitation and development strategy to energize the important and under-used corner in Downtown Lakewood.

The proposed renovation was approved by the Architectural Board of

Review in August and includes a restoration of the upper stories to clean and repair the brick and install new windows. The street level that has been solid brick walls for years will be opened up to reveal new storefronts with big windows and a variety of new stores and restaurants.

Together, the INA Building and Bailey Building represent the second largest office complex in Lakewood. The site has great views, open floor plans, and—among the most coveted assets in the city—has its own 400 car parking facility. New ownership has gotten off to a great start. They've already completed renovation of the INA Building's lobby, attracted new retail tenants like Panera Bread (opening this November) and participated with the city in attracting high-end office tenants, even before building improvements have been made.



## Election Results

### At-Large Council (top 3)

Powers: 5591  
Antonio: 5616  
Smith: 5451  
Demro: 5229  
Shields: 3789  
Shapiro: 1984

### Board of Education (all)

Favre: 6277  
Shaughnessy: 6766  
Kamkutis: 7000

### Municipal Court Judge

Carroll: 8769

### County Issue 1

Yes: 277,853  
No: 76,525

### Issue 2

Yes: 213,056  
No: 142,742

### Issue 3

Yes: 241,877  
No: 127,665

### Issue 4

For the Tax Levy: 206,865  
Against the Tax Levy: 151,044

### Issue 5

Yes: 94,383  
No: 243,038

### Issue 6

Yes: 226,341  
No: 115,651



Kiwanians fill boxes of home-made donuts for the annual Donut and Cider Sale last week. Many pitched in for this fundraiser that raises money for local youth programs and clubs.. For more photos visit the photoblog at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com).

## Palooza Proceeds Help Lakewood Families

by Celia Dorsch

Halloween may be over, but the fun keeps on giving. Thanks to over 150 volunteers, 25 event sponsors, and hundreds of Palooza-goers. H2O's 10th Pumpkin Palooza event raised over \$3,400 that will benefit Lakewood Christian Service Center and Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation during the holiday season ahead. During hard economic times, people need an extra hand. Pumpkin Palooza was created to help these two organizations meet human need in Lakewood.

H2O "Help to Others" youth volunteers would like to thank all our partners and sponsors for making this 10th annual event such a rousing success. We hope to see everyone back at next year's event!



"The Man in the Yellow Hat", Andy Harant of Lakewood Public Library, enthralled young listeners in the spooky storytelling room.

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City Finances And Energy Efficiency

On October 17, 2009 at 7:37 p.m. City Council President Michael Dever called the meeting to order. The audience was a decent size filling up about half the auditorium. Among those in attendance were the Cub Scouts of Troop 76 and their parents.

Councilman Michael Summers (Ward III) started the meeting by reading a communication from the Finance Committee, which he chairs. The issues discussed by the Finance Committee included the Citizens Advisory Committee's recommended allocations of CDBG funds and how to approach the 2010 budget process. As the City is facing a probable 4.5% drop in revenues, it needs to also bring down expenditures the same amount in order to keep a balanced budget. The Committee began looking at the different ways they can approach this issue, and although no solution has been decided upon the Committee did vote unanimously to recommend to Council that it continue to strive for passing a balanced budget for 2010. Summers ended his comments by asking Council President Dever to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting around November 15th so that Council can begin discussing the key issues already identified in the upcoming budget.

Councilman Summers then introduced Ken Haber, Chair of the Lakewood Audit Committee, to submit

the Committee's annual report. The Committee works with several parts of the City Administration, the Finance Committee and several groups with the State and County to achieve its goals. The 2009 annual report concludes the Committee's second year of successfully auditing the City. The Council received the Committee's report.

Councilman Thomas Bullock (II) and Mayor Edward Fitzgerald introduced jointly a resolution that encourages the City to spend its money on American goods and services when ever possible. This resolution was inspired by the City receiving economic renewal funds from the Federal Government through the America Recovery and Investment Act. Councilman Bullock mentioned that in the current economic downturn our country is in it is important to restate the City's commitment to supporting American Jobs through their products and services.

Finance Director, Jennifer Pae asked Council to approve two ordinances that would allow the City to use grant funds it has obtained to seek contractors to complete selected projects. The Grant was awarded by the Ohio Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The City was awarded nearly half a

million dollars, the two projects proposed, however will only cost just over \$100,000. The first project is required as a stipulation of receiving the money. It will create an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy for the City. This strategy is created so that the remainder of the grant money can be used to implement some of the suggestions in the plan.

The second project, which some of these grant funds were put aside for, is to cover the cost of replacing Beck Centers aging boiler and air conditioner system with a new high efficiency one. Director Pae asked that these ordinances be passed on their first reading since the City's Efficiency Plan must be completed with in 120 days of receiving the money. The Council agreed and passed both ordinances.

Director of Public Works, Joe Beno, asked Council to allow him to apply for a Safe Rout to Schools Grant (SRTS). The grant would help the City create and implement a plan that would make it safer and easier for students in Lakewood to walk to school. The program would be a collaboration between the City, the Schools and parents. It was pointed out how important this program would be in Lakewood since the whole structuring of the schools is

in the process of changing.

Standing in for Police Chief Malley, Captain Sabala asked Council to pass ordinances allowing the City to accept three grants from University Hospital/ Cuyahoga County High Visibility Enforcement. These grants are specifically geared to helping to prevent severe traffic accidents by concentrating on enforcing the laws the prevent them. The three areas these grants will concentrate on are speed, driving while under the influence, and seatbelt safety. The money will be used at different times throughout the year along with education programs from University Hospital. Council approved the grants.

Director of the Department of Human Services, Dorothy Buckon, asked Council to approve an agreement extending services from Cuyahoga County's Options for Elders Program through June 2010. This program offers home delivered meals, medical transportation and other services for elderly residence that can not provide these services themselves. This amendment to the contract not only extends services but also reduces billing rates. Council referred the ordinance to the Health and Human Services Committee for its first reading.

After a very short meeting Council President Dever adjourned the council meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Hosts Party For The Arts At The Beck Center

*by Holly Lauch & Missy Toms*

Dust off your favorite ball gown or white tie and tails and swing into the Mayor's Charity Ball, hosted by Mayor Ed Fitzgerald, on Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m., at the Beck Center for the Arts. All proceeds from the Ball support the quality education and theater programs at the Beck Center.

For more than 78 years, Beck Center for the Arts, located at 17801 Detroit Avenue, has been a pivotal partner in the vitality of Lakewood. The largest cultural institution on Cleveland's west side, the Beck Center is home to an award-winning professional theater and offers more than 140 classes each week in dance, music, theater, visual arts, and creative arts therapies for artists of all ages.

Food and beverage take center stage! Several Lakewood restaurants and area businesses have shown their support for the Beck Center and are contributing to the event. They include: 56 West, Aladdin's Eatery, The Beck Café, Blue Onion Take Out & Catering, Brennan's Floral Gift Shop, Buckeye Beer Engine, Dewey's Pizza, Edible Arrangements, Elmwood Home Bakery, Friendly Mini Mart, Great Lakes Brewing Company, India Garden, Italian Creations, Melt Bar and Grilled, North Coast Wine and Beer, Pacer's, Panera Bread, Players on Madison, Route 6, Rozi's Wine House, Sam's Food and Beverage, and Winestyles.

The evening will include live music from the Beck Center's top talent and

a silent auction of art from the area's most renowned artists, including Mary Lou Ferbert, Yarek Godfrey, William Gould, Dr. Marcello Mellino, and Phyllis Seltzer. Mayor Fitzgerald will also conduct the Presentation of the Key to the City to Lakewood residents Ellen and John Bryztwa.

Ellen and John have been married almost 35 years and have raised their four children in Lakewood. Over the years, they have served the community in a variety of ways and continue to stay very active through fundraising and community outreach. They were involved in saving and supporting Lakewood Hospital and Winterhurst, have housed immigrant families from Cambodia, and have hosted several fundraisers benefitting the YMCA, the Beck Center, and a variety of political candidates and organizations. This publicly spirited couple lives in their beautiful home on Nicholson Avenue, which is known to have the best view of downtown Cleveland

Tickets are available in advance for a suggested contribution of \$75 in advance and \$100 at the door. Donations are tax deductible. Black tie is optional. For additional information, please contact Holly Lauch in the Mayor's Office at Holly.Lauch@Lakewoodoh.net.

We extend a special thank you to our Host Committee: Lakewood City Council, Lakewood Alive, Cleveland Clinic Health Systems, Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood City School Board,

Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, First Federal of Lakewood, Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Club and Rotary, Kiwanis, Live Well Lakewood, Pruden-

tial Lucien Realty, Pillars of Lakewood, Junior Women's Club of Lakewood, The Lakewood Observer, and The Lakewood Public Library.

Chambers Of Commerce Welcome Top Economist

*by Valerie Mechenbier*

Join the Lakewood and Rocky River Chambers of Commerce for a combined November Chamber luncheon on Thursday, November 19th at Westwood Country Club. Cox Business brings Richard Yamarone, author of The Trader's Guide to Key Economic Indicators, Updated and Expanded Edition, to present "What Should We Watch for Signs of Recovery." Mr. Yamarone, senior vice president and director of economic research at Argus Research Corporation, has more than two decades of experience on Wall Street, analyzing and researching

domestic and international economic trends, monitoring monetary and fiscal policy developments, and forecasting the U.S. macro economy. In 2007, USA Today highlighted Mr. Yamarone as one of the top ten economists in the nation. RSVP Required.

Westwood Country Club  
22625 Detroit Road, Rocky River  
Registration/Networking - 11:15am  
Lunch – Noon  
\$18 for members, \$23 for non-members. For more information on this event, please visit [www.lakewood-chamber.org](http://www.lakewood-chamber.org).

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Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Presents

A Holiday Goods And Services Online Auction

Buy local in the comfort of your own home! The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will be auctioning off a number of fun and unique items to raise money to support the Chamber's economic development programs. Lakewood businesses are donating goods, services, memberships, gift certificates, event tickets - and more - to the online auction site that will be open for public bidding starting on November 15th. Bid on everything from a gift certificate to one of our fine Lakewood eateries, to a hot air balloon ride for 2!

For information on donating an item to the auction, or to become an auction sponsor, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 216-226-2900.

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# Lakewood Public Library Events

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## CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

#### THE ZONE: For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Get in the Zone and sign up for a week of themed activities! Visit [www.lkwdpl.org/youth](http://www.lkwdpl.org/youth) for the list of fun and exciting programs just for kids. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.  
Tuesday, September 8 – Thursday, May 27  
November 2 – 5: DIY Deconstruction  
November 9 – 11: Love That Lake!  
Monday – Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

#### CREATION STATION: Students kindergarten to fifth grade

Join us for crafts each and every Friday after school. There is no need to register; however, to schedule groups, please call Main Library (216) 226-8275, Ext. 140 or Madison Branch (216) 228-7428. Fridays, September 11 – May 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Children’s & Youth Services Department at Main Library & Madison Branch  
**HOMEWORK ER: Students kindergarten through eighth grade**  
Need help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? Come to the Homework Room for help and resources. No need to register. Tuesday, September 8 – Thursday, May 27. Monday – Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., in the Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

#### SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP: For youth in fourth through eighth grade

Friday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### YOUTH READING PROGRAMS

#### GETTING GRAPHIC: For youth in sixth through eighth grade

They say “a picture is worth a thousand words.” Join us as we discover the truth behind that sentiment and explore graphic novels as an artistic and literary medium. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140. Tuesday, Tuesday, Nov. 10 Kid Beowulf and the Blood-Bound Oast by Alexis Fajardo  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

#### CHOOSE YOUR READING ADVENTURE: For youth in 6th through 8th grade

Thursdays @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm; What to read after a page-turning mystery? You be the judge of that. Venture inside a vampire’s lair, set sail on an 18th century pirate ship, or ensnare yourself in the world of fairies. Each month, vote for which title to read from a different genre. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275 ext. 140. November 19 Adventure, Main Library Multipurpose Room

#### ART EXPLOSION: For youth in fifth through eighth grade

Learn about different artists, then experiment with and create your own style to display at a special art show. To register, please stop in, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or use the form provided on the last page of this booklet.  
Tuesdays: November 17, December 1 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Art Show on Saturday, December 5, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Main Library Multipurpose Room

#### HOGWARTS EXPRESS: For youth in fifth through eighth grade

Meet us on Platform 9¾ for a journey into the fantastical realm of Harry Potter. All registrants will be granted admission into the world’s most prestigious School of Magic. Once the term begins, students will compete in Harry Potter-themed games and activities for the chance to win the house cup. How will you be sorted? To register, please stop in, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or use the form provided on the last page of this booklet.  
Wednesdays, October 7 – November 18, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

#### T4RF: TWEENS FOR READING FUN: Youth fourth or fifth grade

How better to relate to books than to read about characters who are similar to you? Book discussion, activities and team games guarantee lively and entertaining evenings! To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.  
Thursday, November 5 The Sisters Grimm by Michael Buckley  
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

#### FAMILY WEEKEND WONDERS

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. Our staff will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue reading and storytelling at home. The programs are free and there is no need to register in advance.  
Main Library: Friday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00p.m.; Sunday: 2:00 p.m.  
Madison Branch: Friday 10:30 a.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m., Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
November 6, 7, 8: Silly Scarecrows  
November 13, 14, 15: Monster Mania

### LEARNING LAB CLASSES

Reservations for computer instruction classes begin the first of each month. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127. We ask that all students come to class with a working knowledge of the mouse. If you need help, visit the Technology Center and ask the staff to set you up on our Mouse Training Program. It’s fun, easy and essential to becoming computer literate. All classes take place in the Main Library Learning Lab on the 2nd floor.  
NOVEMBER CLASSES:  
Sat. 11/14 @ 3 p.m. – Word Processing  
Sat. 11/21 @ 3 p.m. – Web Searching Basics  
Tues 11/24 @ 7 p.m. – Spreadsheet Basics  
Sat. 11/28 @ 3 p.m. – E-Mail Basics

## Saturday, November 7

### BACK TO THE MOVIES: Five Decades of Cinema

The Forties: Notorious (1946) Directed by Alfred Hitchcock Not Rated  
The Master of Suspense takes us down to Rio where Nazi Claude Rains is after Uranium-235, G-Man Cary Grant is after the Nazis, and both men are after dazzling double agent Ingrid Bergman. She is married to Rains, but is in love with Grant. Grant is not sure of her loyalty, but thinks nothing of putting her into one dangerous situation after another. This film features the longest kiss in cinema history which Hitchcock staged during a time when movie kisses were limited to just a few seconds. We’ll find out how he did it. 6:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

## Sunday, November 8

### SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: New Age Acoustic: Brian Henke

Brian Henke doesn’t know it, but in addition to being a virtuoso guitar player, he’s a mesmerizing storyteller. You can’t dance to this music and it’s hard to sing along to songs without words. But those with an open heart and a fertile imagination may find themselves transported to worlds unknown, faced with undreamed of adventure. Man, can this guy play! 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

## Monday, November 9

### MARY ELIZABETH BOWSER AND ELIZABETH VAN LEW: WOMEN IN HISTORY

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. See next page for full details.

## Wednesday, November 11

### MEET THE PUBLISHER: Kent State University Press: Published by Will Underwood

He hasn’t written any books that we know about, but Will Underwood is responsible for putting out over thirty books and two journals every year. The publisher will take time out of his busy schedule to expound upon his mission to deliver books that serve and celebrate our region, while appealing to both student scholars and the general public. Other topics included are eBooks, Internet piracy, the “flattening” of information and recent publications. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event. 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

## Saturday, November 14

### LAKEWOOD PUBLIC CINEMA: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen (1988)Directed by Terry Gilliam Rated PG

Traveling with her father’s theatre troupe through war torn Europe, little Sally Salt has seen it all. Frankly, she’s unimpressed with both reality and fantasy—until the day she meets the most famous liar in history. Tall tales keep the Baron young and adventure keeps him a step ahead of Death. Suddenly the whole world seems richer and more fantastic and she can’t get enough! Were life’s special effects always this good? 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### BOOK GROUPS

#### Thursday, November 12

##### BOOKED FOR MURDER

Tonight’s book discussion is about Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Lethem  
Frank Minna was a small-time wiseguy, PI and limo driver. When he’s found bleeding to death in a dumpster, he keeps his mouth shut. But the neighborhood misfits he looked out for can’t let it go—especially the unlikely detective and likely loner, Lionel Essrog. Tourette syndrome won’t stop him from questioning all of Brooklyn until he uncovers every last secret. For more details, visit [www.lkwdpl.org/bookclubs](http://www.lkwdpl.org/bookclubs). 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

#### Tuesday, November 17

##### KNIT & LIT BOOK CLUB

Lynda Tuennerman hosts a social club for multitaskers—a book club and a stitchery group! She’s looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest stitching project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight’s discussion is about And the Ladies of the Club by Helen Hooven Santmyer. 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

#### Thursday, November 19

##### BUSINESS BOOK TALK WITH TIM ZAUN AND FRIENDS

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. See details below..

## Tim Zaun Leads Dynamic Book Discussions

by Amy Kloss

The idea for a business book club at the Lakewood Public Library was sparked in 2006 by a casual conversation. “I was standing at the Technology counter talking with Manager John Guscott,” says Tim Zaun. “I mentioned my interest in reading business books and learned that the library was seeking ways to enhance their book club offerings. It seemed like a win/win.”

Out of that conversation was born Business Book Talk with Tim Zaun and Friends, a group that meets bimonthly from September through May at the Lakewood Public Library to discuss a

variety of business topics.

“Business books are often perceived as didactic and boring,” says Zaun. “I disagree.” Business books cover a variety of subjects that often provide excellent perspective on many issues, not just traditional topics such as leadership and marketing. An avid reader who enjoys learning about our radically changing world, Zaun finds that business books offer nuggets of life truths, as well as tips and techniques to improve business knowledge and practice.

Past discussions have centered around Thomas Friedman’s *The World Is Flat* and *You Call The Shots* by young

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# Lakewood Public Library

## An Evening with Cleveland’s Own Michael Symon

by Jenni Baker

The Lakewood Public Library Foundation and First Federal of Lakewood are pleased to announce “An Evening with Michael Symon,” on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Ave.

Symon will talk about his new cookbook, *Live to Cook: Recipes and Techniques to Rock Your Kitchen*, and his experience as a chef and restaurant owner. The evening will include conversation, chef-inspired tastings and beverages.

Symon is chef/owner of Cleveland restaurants Lola and Lolita and chef/partner of Roast in Detroit, Michigan. His newest restaurant, Bar Symon,

recently opened in Avon Lake. Symon was recently honored with the James Beard Foundation’s Award for Best Chef in the Great Lakes Region/2009. He became one of the five Iron Chefs on the Food Network’s *Iron Chef America* and hosted season five of that network’s *Dinner Impossible*. He has received numerous recognitions from food and restaurant publications.

A limited number of tickets will be sold for this event. Tickets are \$100 (\$40 is tax-deductible) and include an autographed copy of *Live to Cook: Recipes and Techniques to Rock Your Kitchen*, delectable cuisine inspired by Symon’s recipes, beverages and valet parking.

Joining First Federal of Lakewood as event sponsors are Lakewood Hospital, LakewoodAlive, and Richardson Design. Proceeds from the event benefit the Lakewood Public Library Foundation, which helps the library acquire resources needed to maintain and increase excellence in community service, and to achieve long-term financial stability. Symon joins other noted authors such as Sue Monk Kidd and Garrison Keillor in the library’s

ongoing speaker series. Additional copies of *Live to Cook: Recipes and Techniques to Rock Your Kitchen* will be offered for sale during the evening by Borders Books and Music, which will donate a portion of the proceeds from the evening to the Lakewood Public Library Foundation. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com) or call 216-226-8275, ext. 104.

## Former Slave Turned Union Spy Brought to Life

by Leana Donofrio

She served as a spy during the Civil War, feigning illiteracy to glean key information to help the North. She has been honored by the United States Government. She was an ex-slave.

Vernice Jackson will transform into the former slave-turned Union spy Mary Elizabeth Bowser during a special presentation at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9 in the Main Library Auditorium.

Bringing the past to life, she will recount the story of how Bowser, aided by staunch abolitionist and daughter of the man who once owned her, Elizabeth Van Lew, spied on Confederate President Jefferson Davis in his own home. Letting Davis and his generals believe she was dim-witted and illiterate, the educated Bowser served as a servant in the Davis household and thus was able to overhear key war strategies and read correspondence on troop movement to

relay to the Union War effort. Ruth Pangrace will portray Van Lew, who established the large spy ring in the Confederate Capital of Richmond of which Bowser became a member.

In 1995, the U.S. government honored Bowser for her efforts by inducting her in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. During the ceremony, her contribution was described thus:

“Ms. Bowser certainly succeeded in a highly dangerous mission to the great benefit of the Union effort. She was one of the highest placed and most productive espionage agents of the Civil War. ... [Her information] greatly enhanced the Union’s conduct of the war. ... Jefferson Davis never discovered the leak in his household staff, although he knew the Union somehow kept discovering Confederate plans.”

## Tim Zaun Leads Book Club

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entrepreneur Cameron Johnson. So far, Zaun has selected all the books for the group, but he will allow anyone who attends a meeting to choose a future discussion title. “I tend to select bestsellers and books I’ve read with great content that may otherwise go unnoticed,” says Zaun. On November 19, the book club will discuss *What Would Google Do?* by Jeff Jarvis.

People of all ages and walks of life come to contribute their thoughts and expertise. The largest discussion drew 13 people to converse about *China Inc.* by Ted C. Fishman. “Business books lend themselves to participating in the discussion without having read all or any of the text,” says Zaun. “Topic and book knowledge make for the best book club experience, but anyone who

attends the talks is guaranteed to leave with new information or perspective on a given subject.”

A Cleveland resident, Zaun is a frequent visitor to Lakewood and thinks highly of Lakewood Public Library and the programming it offers. He encourages people to pitch programming ideas to the staff. “Everyone has expertise to share,” he says.

On January 21, 2010, a book by best-selling author Keith Ferazzi, *Who’s Got Your Back: The Breakthrough Program to Build Deep, Trusting Relationships That Create Success--and Won’t Let You Fail*, will be examined by Tim Zaun and friends. Visit [www.lkwdpl.org/bookclubs](http://www.lkwdpl.org/bookclubs) for more information on the Business Book Talks and [www.timzaun.com](http://www.timzaun.com) to learn more about Tim Zaun.




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# Family Fall Fun At Beck Center

by Fran Storch

**Super Saturdays @ Beck Center**

Young artists and their families are invited to join us for Super Saturdays @ Beck Center, a series of monthly free hands-on art activities, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Beck Center for the Arts. All crafts are free! This monthly arts adventure gives children the opportunity to take part in a creative arts experience at the Beck Center. Make sure to invite friends and neighbors to join you! This series is generously sponsored by the Lakewood Arts Festival to expose young artists to the arts and to stimulate their creative abilities. For more information, contact Ed Gallagher, Beck's director of education, at [egallagher@beckcenter.org](mailto:egallagher@beckcenter.org), or call 216.521.2540 x10.

**Upcoming Saturdays**

November 21 – Thanksgiving craft compliments of Usborne Books and pre-holiday shopping with Direct Sellers of Lakewood. A percentage of the sale proceeds benefit the Beck Center.

December 12 – Craft activity with the Cleveland Botanical Garden

**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**

Travel to the enchanted land of Narnia with a talented cast of 60 Beck Youth Theater students in their production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* on the Mackey Main Stage, November 6 to 8. This new dramatization of the C.S. Lewis classic, faithfully recreates the magic and mys-

tery of Narnia. Audiences of all ages will enjoy this heroic tale of love, faith, courage, and giving. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students (16 and under). An additional \$2 service fee per ticket is applied at time of purchase. To reserve tickets, call 216.521.2540 x10.

The youth theater parent group, C.A.S.T. (Company of Advocates for Students in Theater), will also host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser prior to the Sunday matinee performance of this show on November 8 at 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Beck youth theater education program. Cost of the dinner is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the C.A.S.T. table on Saturday morning in the Beck Center lobby or by calling the Beck Center box office. Special package pricing for the dinner and show is available through the box office.

**Classes @ the Beck Center**

Did you know that the Beck Center offers more than 140 classes in dance, music, theater, visual arts, and creative arts therapies from early childhood to adult? We are one of the largest arts education facilities in the region... right here in Lakewood! Classes are scheduled on a semester basis, but we do offer two sessions in early childhood and visual arts. Don't delay – register today. The second session of



Travel to the magical land of Narnia in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* at Beck Center, November 6-8.

visual arts classes begins the week of November 9. Sign up for a pottery class and throw some clay on our brand new pottery wheel. Other second-session classes include Kids-N-Tunes, Kids-N-Dance, After School Artists, Digital Art, Painting, and many more. For a list of all classes, visit [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org), or call 216.521.2540 x10.

**Peter Pan Tickets Now on Sale**

Back by popular demand, Peter Pan flies into the Beck Center for the Arts on the Mackey Main Stage, December 4 to January 3. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays with additional Saturday matinee and Sunday evening performances on select dates. Treat your family this holiday season with a high-flying adventure featuring the Lost Boys, Darling Children, and the dastardly Captain Hook. Hurry before the show sells out! Call 216.521.2540 x10. Tickets for children (12 and younger) are just \$13. Special pricing options for groups of four or more.



Wendy and Peter Pan dream of Neverland in *Peter Pan* at Beck Center, December 4 - January 3.



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## Tess' Tender Touch New On Madison Avenue

by Mel Page

Theresa Ferline-Carr, born and raised in Lakewood, is feeling particularly good about starting her business right here in her home town. As the artist/owner of the new Tess' Tender Touch, she's excited about developing exciting new creative adventures within our community.

Tess' Tender Touch is located at 14309 Madison Avenue. It features hand-painted glassware and gift items great for any occasion.

An artist for most of her life, Theresa has been creating coveted pieces for family, friends, and customers from her home on Robinwood Avenue. "I realized that my hobby was growing to include more areas in my home than just my office, and it was time to take the plunge," says Theresa. "I've often dreamed of the time when I could have a place to create and present my work that would be visible and accessible to more people, and I was fortunate to find a place close to home that would work for me and my family."

In the few short weeks since Theresa has taken her artwork public, she

has gained a group of avid fans. She says, "I think it's my unique designs, high-quality materials, and genuine love of working with people that has driven demand for my work. Theresa works exclusively with special enamels applied to Libbey glassware. She then employs a careful baking process which ultimately produces items that are not only beautiful but also durable, making them dishwasher-safe for daily enjoyment.

Many items can be purchased directly off the shelf—or custom, personalized orders can be created for that someone special! People have bought dozens of pieces from her and have referred her to their friends who are buying from her now as well.

Stop by her quaint shop to see for yourself. The Tess' Tender Touch Grand Opening will be held Friday, November 6th 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Take time to visit and see one of Madison Avenue's newest and most delightful gift creations.

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# Lakewood Schools

## Phase III Report, Decision In Board’s Hands

by Christine Gordillo

The Phase III Steering Committee has delivered its report to the Board of Education and now it is up to the five-member Board to decide what the final configuration of the Lakewood City School District will be. Phase III is the last leg of the district’s Facilities Master Plan and addresses the future of the east side of Lakewood High School, Grant, Lincoln and Roosevelt elementary schools.

Through its 10 months of meeting, gathering and researching data, and holding two Community Forums, the Committee was able to come to consensus that the district should move forward with a six-elementary school configuration rather than seven. It also determined that the renovation of Lakewood High School’s east side must proceed and that of the three remaining elementary schools, Roosevelt was a clear choice to renovate or rebuild.

Taking that into account, the Committee presented the Board with two options in its report:

Option A: Complete Lakewood High School, renovate or rebuild Roosevelt and Grant elementaries and decommission Lincoln Elementary

Option B: Complete Lakewood High School, rebuild or renovate Roosevelt and Lincoln elementaries and decommission Grant Elementary

The Board was reminded that although the data in the report is exten-

sive, the Committee expects that the Board will need to do more digging and research to reach a final decision. The Committee also asked the Board to do its best to minimize any transition impact on students by keeping any school that would close open until construction on the other two schools is finished. The hope also is to keep those students that will have to be moved temporarily while

their schools are under construction together as much as possible.

The Board planned to discuss its approach to the decision-making process as well as a timeline for the decision at its November 2 meeting. Further discussion is expected at its November 16 meeting as well. The district meets with the Ohio School Facilities Commission in early December regarding its Facilities Master

Plan and qualification for \$47 million in State money for school construction. No decision can come from the Board until after that meeting is held.

The Committee asked the Board to work, “in a thoughtful yet expedient matter,” as the community is, “anxious to move forward, receive the State funding, and finish the Lakewood City Schools Facilities Plan.”

## Markling Elected To Ohio School Boards Association Executive Committee

by Julie Derrick

At its annual fall meeting held on October 7 at The Tangier in Akron, the Northeast Region Ohio School Boards Association elected Lakewood School Board Member Matthew John Markling to serve a two-year term on the Northeast Region Executive Committee, beginning January 1, 2010. Markling is one of ten individuals elected by school board members throughout the Northeast Region to serve on the Executive Committee.

In response to his election, Markling said, “It is an honor to be entrusted with the privilege of representing my fellow school board members throughout the Northeast Region.” Markling went on to credit his nomination and subsequent election to “the statewide reputation the Lakewood City Schools has for excellence in all aspects of public education,



including board governance and civic accountability.”

The Ohio School Boards Association is a private, not-for-profit statewide organization of public school boards. Founded in 1955, the OSBA’s purpose is to encourage and advance

public education through local citizen responsibility. The OSBA currently has 99.7% membership from Ohio public schools – 720 school districts, including the Lakewood City School District Board of Education.

The Northeast Region is the largest of the OSBA’s five regions. As a member of the Northeast Region Executive Committee, Markling will be responsible for determining policy for our region and planning programs and activities designed to improve the system of public education throughout the Northeast Region and Ohio.

Markling is serving his first term as an elected member of the Lakewood City School District Board of Education. For more information about School Board Member Markling, visit [www.lakewoodschoolboardmember.com](http://www.lakewoodschoolboardmember.com).

## Rangers Lose Senior Night Heartbreaker

by Todd Shapiro

Lakewood’s final home football game of the 2009 season was Senior Night, a chance to honor the seniors and their families that have sacrificed so much in the name of Ranger athletics.

It was also a chance for the Rangers to win a football game for the first time since week 1. However, Elyria’s Tyrnell Davis had other ideas. Davis rushed for 230 yards on 29 carries and scored three touchdowns as the Pioneers left Lakewood Stadium with a 24-20 come from behind victory win in a Northeast Ohio Conference River Division game.

Davis, one of the top running backs in Northeastern Ohio, had touchdown runs of 1, 55 and 44 yards. His 55-yard touchdown run, which came on the first play of the second half, tied the game 14-14, erasing the Rangers early 14-0 lead.

After the teams exchanged punts on their opening possessions, Lakewood scored first when Seamus Gowan connected with Brian Wick on a 25-yard touchdown pass. Gowan

then found Joe Young open in the end zone for the 2-point conversion to give the Rangers an 8-0 lead.

The Rangers started the scoring drive on the Elyria 43 after Nick Scimienti tackled Elyria punted Tim Jones in the Pioneers backfield after an errant snap.

Lakewood’s defense held the Pioneers without a first down in the first quarter. Then they started off the second quarter by scoring some points of their own.

Senior safety Jim Gajewski scooped up a Dustin Stolarski fumble and scampered 30 yards for a touchdown, putting the Rangers up 14-0 with 10:02 to play in the half.

After that it became the Davis show. Elyria put its first points on the board just before the half when Davis capped off an 8-play, 56-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Davis carried the ball on all eight plays of the drive, taking a number of direct snaps out of the Wildcat offense.

After Davis’ second score tied the game at 14-14, the second half became

a battle of turnovers and field position as a steady rain fell for much of the final 24 minutes. Lakewood’s Robert Smith intercepted a Stolarski pass at midfield, midway through the third quarter. Five plays later the Rangers returned the gift when Young fumbled and Elyria’s Brandon Bailey came up with the recovery.

Early in the fourth quarter the Rangers drove deep into Pioneer territory but a penalty and a trio of incomplete passes forced Lakewood to hand the ball back to Elyria on its own 21. It was from there that the Pioneers would embark on the game-winning drive.

After a 13-play, 75-yard drive, Jones kicked a 21-yard field goal to give the Pioneers a 17-14 lead.

Davis put the icing on the cake with a 44-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-one play with 1:25 to play to put Elyria up 24-14.

The Rangers made it close in the closing seconds when Gowan threw his second touchdown pass of the night, a 68-yard bomb Faress Parham to make the final score 24-20.

In his final home game as a Ranger, Gowan was 14-of-27 passing for 222 yards.

Senior Joe Young rushed the ball 22 times for 148 yards in a losing effort. Wick, who is also the Lakewood punter, led the Rangers receivers with five catches for 90 yards.



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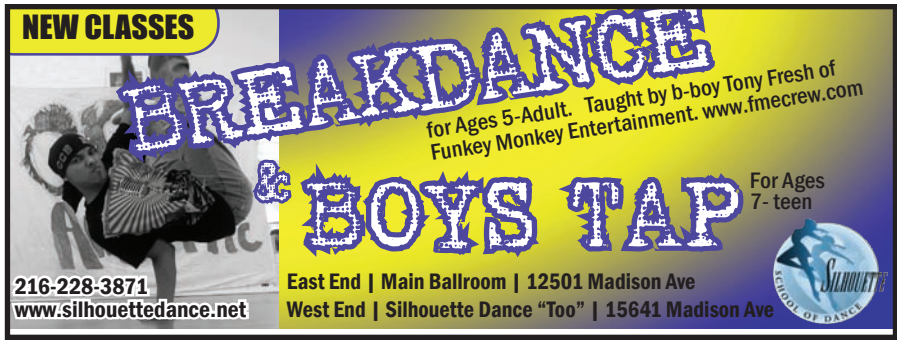


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# The Best of The Lakewood Times

## Lakewood still flourishes in times of economic darkness

By Deven Middleton

Economic crisis. Dropping interest rates. Recession. These are words people across the country are hearing everyday whether they're watching television or flipping through the daily newspaper. However, for those living in Lakewood, "negative economy" is barely in their vocabulary.

When many of Lakewood's 50,000 plus citizens look out of their windows, they are not seeing what's portrayed in the media, but are instead witnessing what most American's dream of: a rebuilding society.

"I think it's obvious why the city is doing so well," said the Executive Director of the Alumni Foundation, Teresa Andreani. "Lakewood has what people want: locally-oriented businesses, a walking community, and a neighborhood feel. The younger generation of kids living in the city like what Lakewood has to offer and developers see that."

One wouldn't expect economic growth in a small-scale town such as Lakewood, but that's exactly what the residents are seeing. All over Lakewood people can see improvements in both

business and leisure establishments. This is especially true in the downtown area of Lakewood, where the presence of new and promising establishments is surprising.

Many students in the city are already basking in the opportunities provided by the new and newly remodeled schools. Lakewood High being the newest addition, along with Emerson Elementary and Garfield and Harding middle schools.

"The new school has been great!" said Junior Class President Maeve Diefenbacher. "The changes have really made a difference in my learning, plus the freshness of the building is more fun too look at."

In addition to the new schools, new attractions are popping up all over the city. Five Guys, Panera Bread, and Phoenix Coffee Shop, just to name a few, are all being constructed (or reconstructed) in the center of town. They will soon be opening their doors for hungry customers.

"Whenever I drive down Detroit I get hungry really quick," said senior Sarah Kelly. "Eating is one of my favorite past times so I'm anxious to try out all the new restaurants."

One can even find an old friend returning to the city in Lakewood Superintendent Dr. Joseph Madak. He will bring students his own outlook on the educational process.

Many are wondering how and why Lakewood is rebuilding in such times of doubt for most cities across the nation.

"Lakewood has a very vibrant community," said Dr. Bill Wagner. "People here have a spirit of activism and are willing to be involved with the welfare of this city and are keen to keep that spirit alive."

This seems to be a common goal. Most residents have proven with their voting record that they are ready to move Lakewood into the future.

"I love living in Lakewood during such a great time for the city," said Andreani. "As I work with people who have lived in the town for many, many years it's fun to see this community grow. Lakewood is a different place from 50 years ago, but it's still a great place to be."

With the INA building creating a new hot spot for hungry customers, Phase III beginning, and the new redesigned Phoenix Coffee Shop to serve customers their morning coffee,

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those living in the city have much to be excited about.

"I love how the city has progressed so far," said senior Emily Levy. "I'm even more excited about the new places to hangout. It thrills me beyond belief. It's what gets me up in the morning."

Expansion. Improvement. Growth. These are the words the people of Lakewood experience everyday, whether they are walking down the hall at a school or walking down Detroit Avenue. As the city continues to expand, it's the citizens who help it to move forward.

"In Lakewood people still sit on front porches and they still know their neighbors," said Wagner. "They want the best for their kids, their community, and Lakewood's future. It's the people who keep the city going."

## Superintendent Madak's returns with new ideas

By Al Rodriguez, News Editor



Photo courtesy of Lakewood City Schools

Dr. Joseph Madak is a man with a plan for the Lakewood City School district. He is a seasoned educational veteran who's bringing his 43 years of experience back to Lakewood for the second time. Madak was superintendent from 1995-2004. He left Lakewood to pursue other opportunities teaching college and helping other districts who were designated as "struggling."

"When I left Lakewood," Madak said, "I felt they were in a position to move ahead, and that it was time for the community to bring in new leadership."

Before he left the district, Madak

was a leader in the push to start the school facilities plan. He succeeded in getting the bond issue and funding secured for a better future for the district. The results of his work can be seen with the recently-completed Phase II, which consisted of the newly-renovated west wing of LHS, along with other work in the middle and elementary schools.

In his absence from Lakewood, Madak worked with the Cuyahoga Falls district, and taught online courses in finance, law, and education at the University of Dayton.

But why did he return?

"I have a passion for Lakewood. I want to make a difference here. My five years away really made me realize how great it is here. I'm flattered to be able to come back."

One of the other reasons for his return were the people. "Lakewood is full of just good people. All of the students, the parents, they're all good people."

With a new start in Lakewood, Madak has a new plan, and a vision for how Lakewood City Schools can continue to grow and be successful. "I have a four step plan for the schools," he said, "to continue improving in academics and extra-curricular opportunities, provide for a stable economic base for the district, finish the phases that we're going through right now, and work with the Board of Education and the

community to maintain the trust."

The steps that Dr. Madak intends to go through with for the district will only be successful if not only the students, but the tax payers and parents believe in them. "It's all about trust," Madak said, "you have to earn trust every day."

Madak won Superintendent of the Year from the Ohio PTA in 1998, but says his successes in this district and others aren't completely his own doing. "The great people here make me look good!" he said with a laugh.

As for the trends in students he has witnessed over the years, Madak sees that students are more focused on the importance of their future. "In this economy...I see that students are more academically oriented," he said, "instruction in classes is more focused on academics, yet at the same time, every student is getting attention."

He has advice for the students at LHS, and it's more than just the advice of "get good grades" or "joins tons of activities." He advises student to "be involved. Do the best you can. Have a little fun, and enjoy high school along the way. But most importantly, take time to appreciate what a good community you have in Lakewood."

### "Oh, the new places you'll go"

Panera Bread: Panera Bread will soon be finishing construction on its new location in Lakewood, on the corner of Detroit Rd and St. Charles Ave. It will be opening by the end of October.

The Phoenix is a treasured hang-out, which serves coffee and tea. Due to their growing popularity, they have been renovating, just two doors down. This will become the Phoenix's new home by the end of the year. New features include a larger stage for live entertainment and a backyard patio.

The Detroit Theater in Lakewood has increased its prices up, but for a good reason. It now shows first run movies -- at the lowest price in the Cleveland area.

Five Guys is a popular eatery known for it's juicy burgers and fresh-cut fries. Now Lakewood, too, with its new location right across from Burger King.

Route 6 Café is a newly established restaurant on Detroit Road. The restaurant's goal is to bring travelers together. Don't miss experiencing the nutritional and culinary trends of this brand new Lakewood café.



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# Unfounded suspicions stop students from hearing Obama’s message



An editorial by Seth Baker, Staff writer

Recently, President Barack Obama made the decision to give a back-to-school speech to students all across the nation in a live, sit-down talk. With dropout rates soaring across the nation, and with many teenagers and young kids concerned for their future in these tough times, President Obama thought it would be a good idea to reinforce the merits of responsibility and hard work, and the importance and privilege of a quality education. What could be so wrong with that?

Well, many people seemed to think there was an entirely different agenda to this message. Many conservatives believed that the President was trying to “indoctrinate” kids with a socialist message. Others, conservatives and liberals alike, were afraid that the President would bring politics into the conversation and try to force his beliefs upon them. There were also those who took the whole thing completely out of hand.

“As far as I am concerned, this is not civics education — it gives the appearance of creating a cult of personality,” said Oklahoma State Sen. Steve Russell.

## Final Word:

# All yellow brick roads lead to Lakewood

An editorial by Fiza Shah, Editor-in-Chief

“I hate Lakewood and I can’t wait to leave. I hate the lack of excitement, opportunities, and large metropolitan malls. I hate the small town feeling and the simple life.”

This is not what I want to say, but it is what I am expected to say.

Lakewood doesn’t deserve my hate. However, hearing other people tell me how much they hate it here has made me hateful. And that is not what I want.

So many teenagers dream of living in a large city, where they believe everything will be handed to them on a silver platter. Where success is dependent not on your GPA, but rather on how beautiful you look or whether or not you can fit into a size two. In a city where movie stars live just around the corner, and knock on your door for a cup of sugar.

This sort of wishful thinking reminds me of Dorothy, in *The Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy lived on a farm, and hated it. She hated the simple life, the lack of excitement, and, who knows, maybe she also hated the lack

“This is something you’d expect to see in North Korea or in Saddam Hussein’s Iraq.”

Really? When I first heard these complaints, I truly thought it was a joke. Then I heard that many school districts around Northeast Ohio, including Parma, Brecksville, and Lakewood, decided not to show the live speech at all. I was infuriated. Now, I’m going to leave my own personal political beliefs out of this, because it has absolutely no bearing on my reaction. If this had been done to a speech by John McCain, believe me, I would have had the exact same reaction.

For me, this actually hurts. When

“It should be our duty as citizens to, at the very least, hear our own president speak to students on matters that are extremely pertinent to them in these times of educational decline.”

we live in a country in which teachers, parents, and school officials won’t let their students listen to a speech made by the President, I find that troubling. I might understand doing it to students who are younger, because most parents want to be the ones talking to their children about topics such as politics or religion, but doing this to high school students is ludicrous. Even if the President did have a political message, I think that by now, most high school

students would have formed their own ideas and beliefs about what they think is right and wrong, and have a general idea of where their political allegiance lies. It is also said that the Department of Education sent out a lesson plan to accompany the speech. It asks students to write a letter to Obama, saying what they could do to help him. Now, while you may think at first that this sounds inappropriate, we must remember the famous quote given to us by John F. Kennedy; “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country”.

The actual purpose of the letter shouldn’t be the “smoking gun” in

this debate though. This is really about people protesting the President’s desire to encourage students to study hard and take responsibility. George Bush Sr. and Ronald Reagan both addressed students across the nation in this same manner in 1991 and 1988 respectively. They had their handful of critics for speaking to them though, but not to the level that was seen recently. So why now? Why this President? I personally think that it’s because at this time in

America, people are scared and worried about our current situation. We’re in tough economic times, and when a person is constantly bombarded with stories of corrupt government officials and fraudulent capitalists with their own agendas, many people are forced to become cynics.

We have to note something about these cynics though. Many of them, the teachers, parents, and other school officials, grew up in a different time. Numerous school board members and superintendents across the nation dealt with the in-your-face government propaganda of the Cold War and the Red Scare. And because of this, their reasons for being skeptical are, if not understood, at least acknowledged.

But sadly, we are often wary of things that we need not be. It should be our duty as citizens to, at the very least, hear our own president speak to students on matters that are extremely pertinent to them in these times of educational decline. When did we decide to begin nit-picking and ripping apart every little action that the President takes and turn it into a hostile attack on our minds. I think White House spokesman Robert Gibbs put it best, when he said in response to all of these outbursts; “I think we’ve reached a little bit of the silly season when the president of the United States can’t tell kids in school to study hard and stay in school.” To me, we’re past “silly season”; we’re in full blown paranoia these days. And in the end, the ones that lose out are the students.

they don’t have the ancient, majestic, canopied trees. Big cities might have large malls, but the small, homey, shops on Detroit can’t be found anywhere else. I have spent the past 11 years with the same peers. I have seen them grow, change, and become the people they are today. In a big city full of strangers, I wouldn’t have this bond with my peers. But, most importantly, in a big city and a big city school, I wouldn’t be surrounded by so many people who want me to succeed.

The reason why many students hate Lakewood is not because this city lacks opportunity, but because they don’t know how to exploit these opportunities. Lakewood is going through a tremendous amount of improvement. However, this will go to waste if we are too pompous to take advantage of it.

We might all want to move to the big city, but the return back isn’t as simple as walking down a yellow brick road. So, instead of hating Lakewood, see what it has to offer. See what this city is truly about. It might not be a magical land far, far away, but it is home.



# Wellness Watch

## Out of Place: A Local Filmmaker's Look At Surfing The Great Lakes

by Taylor Trimarchi

Scott Ditzenberger, 38, a local Lakewoodite who has a passion for surfing and film, recently premiered his debut film "Out of Place: A Portrait of Surfing in Cleveland, Ohio." Born in San Diego and raised on the shores of New Jersey, Scott moved to Ohio with his family just after graduating high school in 1991. "When I saw the expanse of [Lake Erie], I was overwhelmed by it," says Ditzenberger. "And filed away in the back of my mind was this memory that you could surf the Great Lakes. It was an urban legend just sort of in the back of my mind. And sure enough a friend drove up from Akron, where we were living, at the first storm. And not only were there waves on the lake, there were surfers."

Scott learned how to surf on the shores of Lake Erie, becoming a member of Cleveland's own diverse surf culture. He found surfers from all corners of the globe who had wound up living in the Cleveland area and still surfing. He realized that this was something worth documenting and in 2001 began shooting "Out Of Place." About the documentary, Scott says, "It's an insider's perspective on the surfing culture here. How the surfers themselves relate to Cleveland." The film was shot locally, relying on local filmmakers and surfers coming together in order to make Scott's vision into a reality. Even the soundtrack is 100% donated from Great Lakes area musicians and



Photo by Jamie Andrea Yanak

Vince Labbe surfing Edgewater Park

three bands (The Dreadful Yawns, The All Golden, and The Celebrity Pilots) from Lakewood.

The goal of the film was to capture the surfers and to highlight this vibrant and unique facet of the city. "The thing about surfing is that you're trying to become closely connected to the water. And that's the same here, in Australia, anywhere. You're trying to live that life out in nature at the water's edge and the pursuit of that here is just a little bit different than anywhere else. We really wanted to tell that story." The film premiered last month at New York's Surf Film Festival and took home this year's Viewer's Choice Best Feature award. Since then things have started to take off for the people involved in the project, but it's been a long and tough journey to get here.

Back in 2006, Scott had five years of footage, but the project didn't

seem to be coming together like he had hoped. Scott decided there was only one thing to do: Quit his job at a local law firm and become a fulltime filmmaker. "I had trouble sleeping at night, thinking about bills. But I had to do this," he says. "I drive a car with 270,000 miles on it. I don't have cable. I don't have too many luxuries right now, but it's worth it because I have this." This is the type of passion that Scott's documentary focuses on.

The other star of this project aside from the surfers is, of course, the lake itself. "It kind of confounds me that, again we have this beautiful body of water here and it's just been hard to get to, because it has been just seen so much as an industrial resource rather than back down to that human level, just experiencing it. I'm hoping that's one of the things that can inspire people. They'll see the film and be able

to see a beautiful sunset at Edgewater and see the water and just want to connect with that themselves." Scott especially hopes to see changes of this sort in Lakewood. "There's not much public access at all to even get to the lake. I mean, living in Lakewood, I'm not even sure that it's legal to get to the water's edge unless you own property."

To aspiring local filmmakers, Scott has this message. "Work with local music. There's just so much talent here in North East Ohio that gets overlooked simply because we're not a big market. I'm hoping that we're demonstrating a template that can be used successfully in the future."

In order to both raise money for promotion of the film and as a way of celebrating the success already achieved, The Beachland Ballroom will be hosting a fundraiser for the film on November 15th. The fundraiser will feature a raffle for a surfboard, some door prizes, and screenings of some excerpts from the film. There will also be live music, performed by some of the local bands featured on the film's soundtrack. Scott has just submitted the film to the Cleveland International Film Festival. You can find out more about the film, the filmmakers, and the soundtrack at [www.outofplacemovie.com](http://www.outofplacemovie.com). You can probably find Scott at Edgewater Park on stormy days, Out of Place and out in the waves.

## Pink Is For Men Too

by Allison Norris

This year Breast Cancer Awareness month didn't just have women wearing pink. We saw NFL players, hockey players and many more joining in the efforts to raise awareness in fighting Breast Cancer.

This month of pink can often overlook men's risk for breast cancer. Although breast cancer in men accounts for only 1% of all breast cancers diagnosed annually, it has some distinct concerns warranting attention. It is generally a cancer that affects older men, usually between 60 and 70 years old. In the past, men's prognosis was often worse due to late detection and sometimes complete unawareness of the disease, but

recently this has been changing.

The reasons men get breast cancer aren't always apparent, as the male breast does not have as great a role in society or functional use. What some people don't know is that much like during the female menstrual cycle, men do have regular hormonal fluctuations which affect them mentally and physically. Considering this men should do self-breast exams regularly so as to detect the subtle changes in their breast tissue.

In a study in June 2009 by U.K.'s National Cancer Intelligence Network they found men are 40% more likely to get cancer than women. Prostate cancer is the number one cancer killer in men and there is a lot of focus on that repro-

ductive organ - perhaps letting breast tissue be all too easily overlooked in men. Just as with women early detection is key in the successful treatment.

Cancer prevention for both genders includes general healthy living such as regular exercise, eating a balanced and healthy diet, not smoking, getting proper amounts of sleep, and receiving regular preventative medical care.

Here are some tips for men (and women) to help in the prevention of breast cancer:

**Self Breast Exam** - as discussed already this is very important. Men should do this at least quarterly but it is recommended to set a schedule once a month on the same day to ensure you don't forget.

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# Wellness Watch

## Five Couples Celebrate 266 Years Of Marriage

by Bonnie Greenberg

On September 16, 2009 Mary Ann and John Babiak celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Crestmont North Healthcare in Lakewood. Four more couples also celebrated anniversaries. They were Betty and Don Wilson, married on September 4, 1945; Ethel and Bob Smith, married on November 20th, 1948; Dee and Herb Browarsky, married on December 19, 1948; and Denise and Bob Strelau who were married on January 13th, 2000.

The couples, family members and residents of Crestmont North danced

to the music of Joel Scigliano, while they enjoyed wedding cake decorated with fresh flowers. Silver and gold were the colors of the room with fall mums accenting the tables. During a toast to the couples it was said that, "The greatest thing about all of these couples is that they are all still very much in love." They light up when the other spouse arrives daily to visit their spouse who resides at Crestmont. They are in inspiration to today's youth and prove that with a little commitment marriages can last a lifetime and couples can live, "happily ever after."



Mary Ann and John Babiak celebrate 70 years of marriage.

## Captain Harry Anderson Celebrates 100th Birthday!



St. Edward teacher Daniel Cavoli, with the Captain's sister-in-law Angie Chappell, and Captain Harry Anderson, at his 100th birthday party.

by Gary Rice

On October 4th, former Cleveland Cliffs Captain and Lakewood resident, "Heavy Weather" Harry Anderson, celebrated his 100th birthday at a gala bash private party at the Inland Seas Maritime Museum in Vermilion, Ohio. Captain Harry had many years of service on the Great Lakes, as well as having sailed around the world to many ports-of-call. The Captain is still spry and cheerful, and even danced to

a hornpipe tune, played by my 89 year-old father, Robert Rice, on his fiddle!

Known as "Heavy Weather Harry," due to his ability to bring ships through raging seas. The Captain's best known for commanding the William G. Mather; now a floating museum affiliated with the Great Lakes Science Center. He continues to visit the Mather periodically, and to regale visitors with tales of his times on the Lakes.

## Pink Is For Men Too

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**Antioxidants** - there is much debate about the help Lycopene and other antioxidants actually achieve in cancer prevention but consistently the data shows they do no harm. So the suggestion medically and alternatively is one of "why not? it can't hurt and it might help." This includes consuming foods such as tomatoes, watermelon, guava, grapefruit, dark chocolate, blueberries, and cranberries. Getting these foods in their most natural, raw form is best to capture the most potent antioxidant effect.

**Supplements** - Saw Palmetto is a great herb for prostate health. Black Current Seed oil is a wonderful source of Omega-6 fatty acids. This Oil has GLA (gammalinolenic acid) which in a 2004 study was shown to prevent the growth of breast cancer cells, especially in the presence of Vitamin C. Vitamin C is not only an amazing antioxidant but it has been shown to lower your breast cancer risk by 63% when taken on a regular basis from foods.

**Trimming the Fat** - A 2007 study out of Seattle showed that obesity in men more than doubled their odds of death in prostate cancer and that "obesity in the year before diagnosis more than tripled the odds that the cancer would metastasize."

**Trusting your body** - Since early detection is key in early treatment it is essential we pay attention to the subtle and sometimes not-so-subtle signals our bodies are speaking about our health. Go for regular physicals, listen

to the aches and pains, have a relationship with your doctor that is open and conversational. As a chiropractor I work with many on a more frequent basis than their medical doctors. Because of this I do have conversations about health topics other than back pain. Trust the healthcare providers in your life and ask them questions. We are here to educate.

Continue to spread the word on Breast Cancer Awareness by doing the above, supporting your loved ones through the above tips, wearing pink, and staying educated on the subject. Go Pink!

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Pulse Of The City

(Only Part Of) The Tale Of The Lakewood Ranger(s)  
Rodney Ranger...And Clementine????!!!

By Gary Rice

For quite some time now, I'd been hoping to write a comprehensive history of the Lakewood Ranger names and logos for you.

That did not work out too well.

The history of different aspects of a school district can easily get lost over time. Heck, just about anything can get lost over time, can it not? I have enough trouble these days simply finding yesterday's missing sock, let alone trying to tell you what I did last Tuesday night.

Ah, life.

Anyway, what I'd WANTED to do for you was to detail the historical background of the Lakewood High School mascot name and logo. To a certain extent, I was able to fill in a number of blanks, but there are many others that remain.

See, school personnel, buildings, and storage spaces change over the years, and stories and facts can get twisted around like pretzels over time. Ever try that classroom game where a note is started at one end of the class and is re-written by each student, only to find that its real meaning is lost by the time it makes it to the other side of the room? Well, that's kind of what I ran into in the search for the history of the Lakewood Ranger.

Teresa Andriani is one fine person. She runs the Ranger Shop up at



the high school and is the go-to person for your outstanding Lakewood High School Alumni Foundation. She helps to oversee the volumes of old yearbooks and records that mark the passage of Lakewood High School history. From Teresa, I learned that the teams of Lakewood High, up to 1933, were apparently called the "Purple." In 1933, there was a contest held for a mascot name with a \$5.00 prize awarded

to the winner. A young girl came up with the name "Ranger," in part due to Lakewood's being known as a city of trees. (Presumably the connection would have been a park ranger.)

Over the years, the ranger idea went through, um, several incarnations. Perhaps the most (or least) memorable was in the 1949 LHS Cinema school yearbook, with two child-like depictions of cowboy/cowgirl figures on the front of the book. In that edition, the yearbook introduced a gun-toten' "Rodney Ranger and his purty li'l gal friend Clementine." On the yearbook's opening page, the '49 Rangers were even greeted by a drawing of a 10-gallon cowboy hat and a holstered six-shooter! Also in that yearbook was the now-famous outline of the Ranger (a grown-up Rodney?) on a bucking horse. Fortunately, it was that logo, rather than li'l Rodney Ranger, that became the popular Ranger image for many years.

Sometime around 1970, the bucking bronco ridin' Ranger image was phased out in favor of a bow-legged cowboy-hatted figure. I've received several conflicting stories about the exact origin of that logo, but I do know that it originally sported a pair of six-guns at the hip. Those guns are now long gone,

no doubt in the wake of several acts of nationwide school violence. Ironically, half a century ago, there actually were student gun clubs that met in Lakewood's and other schools and shot their .22 rifles in the gyms!

Those days are long gone.

When I joined the High School Marching Band, their only (at that time) bass drum sported an old drumhead with that bucking-bronco ridin' Ranger painted on it. As I had been drafted into playing that heavy drum (and was NOT particularly happy about it), I suppose I wasn't playing that drum loud enough when the band director, the great Richard Strang, came over to me and (in let us say, the strongest possible terms) "suggested" that I play that drum louder! Angry and embarrassed, I did so, ripping that drumhead in half with a savage "boom"! At that point, I was told to keep up the good work! (Back then, that one bass drum was the absolute backbone of the band--It HAD to be loud! In fact, we had friends on Riverside Drive who said that the only instrument they could hear on Friday nights was my drum!)

Mr. Strang later gave me that old broken and useless drum head as a souvenir, and the Class of '69 all signed it at our 20th reunion in 1989. In training our Ranger drumlines as a Lakewood Schools volunteer, I frequently bring that old head along with me to help instill a sense of tradition, pride, and continuity for the new drummers.

Another great Ranger effigy was given to me by former LHS Coach Glen Saltzbrenner, and that's the carved Ranger shown in the photo, along with the drumhead. Note the now-missing guns that graced the first prototype of this design. Many students today have probably wondered why that present-day Ranger is posed in the manner that he is!

Still another modern Ranger design, in stylized form, graces the t-shirts of the Lakewood Ranger Alumni Band.

I'm sure that all of these designs have represented a quiet and sincere ongoing effort to represent Lakewood High School to others in the best possible light. I have no idea what happened to Rangerette Clementine, however.

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Ministerial Musings:  
Homosexuality And The Church; An Inclusive Perspective

by John Tamilio III

Nothing has divided the Christian Church more in the last few decades than the issue of homosexuality. Even the controversy surrounding the ordination of women—which is still a contested issue even in some mainline denominations—pales in comparison to the quarrels that have not only divided liberal churches from the Religious Right, but many a house against itself as well.

Recently, the focus has been on gay marriage in particular. Several states (including Ohio) have passed constitutional amendments, “To protect the sanctity of marriage,” to quote the Pat Robertsons of the world. Apparently, male-male and female-female unions are going to be the fatal flaw in the already dysfunctional foundation of the American family. Domestic violence, child neglect, alcoholism, drug abuse, divorce, illiteracy, the welfare system, unemployment, lack of affordable housing and healthcare...none of these seem to pose the same threat to the American family (as if it were a monolith) as two consenting adults wanting to publicly affirm what they already have the right to do: be a couple in love. For the life of me, I cannot perceive how granting ten percent of the population the same right that my wife and I and millions of other Americans take for granted is going to fracture our “traditional” family or anyone else’s.

The conservative and fundamentalist churches that pepper our landscape have abused the bully pulpit long enough. It is time for moderate and progressive churches to speak the truth in love. Ignoring the issue will not make it go away. Disregarding those who “love the sinner, but hate the sin” (the operative word being “hate”) will not deflate their agenda. Rather, our silence has empowered them. As the eighteenth century British philosopher Edmund Burke said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men [and women] to do nothing.”

That said, I begin by refuting a long-held, erroneous maxim in the



previous paragraph. Homosexuality is not a sin. Let me repeat that for those of you who were unable to hear it over the thunderous din of countless chins hitting floors. Homosexuality is not a sin. The belief that homosexuality is theologically abominable is based on a literal reading of a few passages in Scripture, such as Genesis 19:1-25, Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9, and 1 Timothy 1:10. Many reputable Bible scholars across the ecumenical spectrum have argued that when read through the lens of responsible historical criticism, these passages are addressing issues of pedophilia, rape, and prostitution: criminal acts that were rampant in many biblical cultures as they are in many of today’s cultures; criminal acts perpetrated more by heterosexuals than homosexuals. These passages do not address consensual, same-gender relationships between two adults.

In fact, the word homosexual, as we understand and use it, did not enter the lexicon until 1869, when it appeared in two German pamphlets published anonymously, “to describe the theory, just then beginning to take shape, that from birth some people are affectionately predisposed toward persons of their own sex” (V. P. Furnish, 1994: 57-58). I am not inferring that homosexuals are not sinners. They are, but not by virtue of their sexual orientation. They are sinners in the same way that we all are sinners: we fail to live in relationship with God and one another as God intended, because we are broken creatures.

I find it interesting that many min-

isters insist that the aforementioned passages be taken literally, but allow a great deal of liberty when interpreting pericopes that promote slavery, the subjugation of women, and a plethora of other archaic practices. Do male fundamentalists really avoid all contact with their wives when they are menstruating (as directed in Leviticus 15:19-24)? Do they truly believe that those who work on the Sabbath should be put to death (Exodus 35:2)? Do they also subscribe to the admonitions against divorce that Jesus levies throughout the Gospels (which, by the way, are void of any teachings against homosexuality)? One cannot be a selective biblical literalist. Either all of Scripture is subject to the scrutiny of scholarly inquiry or none of it is. You cannot have it both ways.

Furthermore, as the burgeoning field of practical theology asserts, theology must remain in dialogue with the secular disciplines. Only then will mutually corrective conversations be given the opportunity to develop and lend their learnings to the Church and society. Science, which has informed and reformed our traditional understanding of creationism, is on the verge of proving that sexual orientation is genetic. If that is true, then homosexuality is as much a choice as heterosexuality, which leads us to conclude that God created homosexuals with the same love and intention as heterosexuals. Such scientific deductions, if they prove valid, will debilitate the fundamentalist critique that homosexuality is both a choice and a sin, unless they still choose to read their Bibles in the dark.

The greatest barrier facing fundamentalists, however, is neither a historical reading of Scripture nor scientific discovery. It is their own battering ram: the Bible. Even if a scholarly reading of the questionable passages in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament were to prove that homosexuality is a sin, how can the Christian community reconcile barring homosexuals from the life and fellowship of the Church when such exclusivity

runs counter to the Gospel? Who are the people with whom Jesus associated, the people with whom he sat at table and conversed? Social pariahs. People who lived on the fringes of society. The marginalized. The outcast. The oppressed. What was the reaction to his doing so by the Pharisees and Sadducees (the religious conservatives of his day)? They conspired with the government—just as the Religious Right is doing today—to crucify him. Every time a Pat Robertson, a James Dobson, or a Fred Phelps opens his mouth spewing homophobic rhetoric and lambasting those of us who are trying to embody the Christian ethic of love, they crucify Christ again.

We all know that the Bible is filled with contradictory passages. It does not take a Ph.D. from Harvard Divinity School to enlighten us to that fact. The Good News that Jesus taught and embodied, however, is consistent: it is a message of love. We are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are to love one another with the same unconditional, other-affirming love with which God embraces all of creation. We are to minister to the poor, the widows, the orphans, and the oppressed. We are to struggle for justice and peace with those who are denied the same rights as the privileged.

“I give you a new command,” Jesus said, “that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for another” (John 13:34-35). Is the blatant exclusion of those who were born different loving one another as Jesus commanded? The answer is obvious, and to those who continue to do so may the rest of us continue to pray, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). Then again, maybe they do.

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Greening The City

FAQ: Are CFLs Safe For The Environment?  
How Should I Dispose Of Them?

by Jennifer Goetchius

I'm fine with whatever. It probably makes sense for me to do it since I'll probably already be familiar with the topics.

Are we going to have an idea of how large each article should be to fit on the page that I should target towards? I have no idea how the whole layout thing works (but am curious, so if you do it and want help, let me know...)...

She included sources, which I don't think we ever really print, and I'm not sure whether or not we're supposed to. My info has always been what can be called common knowledge, and I'd say this is as well, but photo credit might be necessary?

Source: Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, ENERGY STAR, and EPA Guidelines 2009

Commonly known as CFLs, compact fluorescent lightbulbs are the energy saving bulbs that are replacing traditional incandescent, halogen, and other lights around many homes and apartments. They use between 60 and 80% less energy than their traditional counterparts, making them increasingly popular among stores, wallets, and daily conversations. While using a fraction of the energy, CFLs also have a longer life and thus save money over the



long run. For example, CFLs typically last between 6,000 and 15,000 hours, compared to 1,000 hours for incandescent bulbs. Most will require an upfront investment, but they are becoming less expensive as they become more mainstream and will save the user upwards of \$30 over each bulb's life. Additionally, the efficiency of each bulb saves 2,000 times its own weight in greenhouse gas emissions. If you want to cut your electric bill and your carbon footprint, seriously consider replacing your incandescent bulbs with CFLs, starting with your most frequently used lights. You may really appreciate the change when you get your next electric bill.

The main drawback to CFLs is their disposal--each bulb contains a small amount of mercury that enables fluorescent lamps to be 75 percent more efficient, but may be dangerous to the environment. When it comes to disposing of CFLs, do not throw them out with your regular garbage. They need to be disposed of in accordance with state and/or local laws, which may require taking them to a local

household waste facility, recycler, or the store where they were purchased. For Lakewood residents, you can simply take burned-out CFLs to The Home Depot (on West 117th Street and Berea Road). At each Home Depot store, customers can simply bring in any expired, unbroken CFL bulb and give them to the associate behind the returns desk. The bulbs are then taken by an environmental management company, who coordinates packaging, transportation and recycling to maximize safety and ensure environmental compliance.

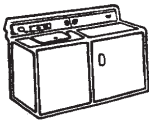
If a CFL breaks in your home, there is no need to panic. There are kits that you can purchase to assist with the disposal, but you can also clean up on

your own. The EPA recommends airing out the room for 15 minutes (if contents are exposed). If the bulb has shattered, avoid vacuuming, as this will stir up the contents into the air. Instead, wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes, and place towels in a glass jar or plastic bag, which can be properly disposed of at a local solid waste agency.

This Lakewood Observer "Green Page" was created to build greater awareness around sustainable practices for our community. Our objective is to increase education around sustainable behaviors as well as highlight people and businesses that are already doing great, green things. Please contact us at [gogreen@lakewoodobserver.com](mailto:gogreen@lakewoodobserver.com) with any questions, ideas for topics, or names of people or businesses that you feel should be included in our column. Feedback is always welcome as well.

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# Greening The City

# Cleaning Lakewood Organically

*by Anila Nicklos*

Located on the corner of Detroit and Webb Avenues is a unique dry-cleaning operation called New Westlake Cleaners. The store has been a dry-cleaning shop for many years, but the current owner decided in 2007 to change from a traditional “Perk” chemical cleaning solution to a more expensive organic solvent. These owners wanted to use a more environmentally and clothes friendly method of dry-cleaning to better serve their customers.

Steve and Jill Kim introduced Lakewood residents to organic dry-cleaning as a way to increase business. The Kims are from South Korea, however, they met in Lakewood. Steve had lived in America since he was five years old. For all practical purposes, he is fully Americanized! Steve met Jill on a blind date in 1994. The amazing thing is that Steve agreed to meet Jill on this blind date which was set up by Steve's mother. After one date with Jill, Steve knew that he would always have even more respect for his mother. Today Steve and Jill have three beautiful children and a growing business located in our beautiful City of Lakewood.

Jill is an excellent seamstress and does numerous alterations for her customers. Jill is a very congenial person

with a great smile. If a customer asks about an alteration, she might recommend that it may not be worth changing the clothing item. Jill always wants to give the customer good advice before the work begins so that a better decision is realized.

Steve and Jill love Lakewood. When they were looking for a dry-cleaning location, Lakewood stood out as a great site because of the friendly people in a diverse neighborhood where cooperation among residents is excellent. To this point, most of the new business is through referrals from current customers.

Steve and Jill Kim are a great example of the diversity in the active day to day life in the City of Lakewood. Since 90% of South Koreans have English language in their schooling, the transition to life in America is somewhat less difficult.

Steve and Jill work very hard at their New Westlake Cleaners. The organic solvent is three times more expensive than the traditional "Perk" cleaning solvent. The organic solvent is non volatile and is odorless. It cleans as well as Perk but is easier on the clothes. Further, the organic solvent recycles at a 95% reclaim rate which supports their interest in a "green" environmentally safer process. Steve is only aware of three organic dry-cleaning operations in the state of



*Steve and Jill Kim, owners of New Westlake Cleaners, on Detroit Avenue.*

Ohio. He said that there is an industrial operation in Toledo, a Solon operation that uses a different system and their operation in Lakewood. According to Steve, the New Westlake Cleaners is a newer, more efficient system, that although the solvent is more expensive, all other functions sometimes save energy.

There are benefits to operating a dry-cleaning establishment which some overlook. On those cold Cleveland days when the steam press is working

or shirts are being pressed, it is always warm and comfortable inside the store. But, on our hot, humid Cleveland hazy summer days, you will find Steve and Jill working diligently to serve their customers in their tireless manner.

I urge everyone to stop in and say hello to Steve and Jill Kim. Big smiles will greet you along with great service at reasonable prices. The City of Lakewood is lucky to have many diverse business owners. The Kim's are among the finest that Lakewood has to offer.

# Green Business Is Smart Business

*by Mary Evans*

Whether or not you are directly involved in a “green” business, building sustainable practices into your business model is a very smart thing to do. Research studies show that more and more people expect businesses to make, sell and/or support environmentally responsible products and services. They are also looking for businesses to participate in simple environmental practices (e.g. recycling). In addition, more and more people are choosing to buy locally. Many green practices will save such direct expenses as energy costs, reusing products and reducing use of paper, ink.

## The Triple Bottom Line

The performance of public companies today is no longer simply measured by bottom line profit, but rather there is a focus on what is commonly referred to as the “triple bottom line”: people, planet and profit. The idea is that not only dollars matter, but also how companies care for people they employ, companies’ relation to the community and what the companies are doing to be responsible stewards of our planet. This performance measure is quickly migrating to the private sector as well.

## What can you do?

The opportunities are endless and

many are easier to implement than you think. The three R's remain the key: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Reduce the amount of packaging you use, the number of catalogs you receive and the amount of material that you print rather than storing it electronically. Reduce energy usage by switching to energy-efficient lighting and a programmable thermostat. Reuse packing materials or shredded documents if you need to ship or store items. Reuse single sided-documents to print material for your own use or as scrap paper. Recycle paper, glass, cardboard, plastic and solid waste. (Check out the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District website at

<http://www.cuyahogasd.org/> for lots of great information on recycling.). One more thing; Be sure to choose local suppliers for your own purchasing needs!

## Sharing Best Practices

Going forward, we will highlight in this column various businesses in Lakewood that have adopted sustainable practices. This will provide an opportunity for all of us to learn from one another, moving Lakewood to the forefront of sustainable communities.

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Estate Planning For Young Families: The Job You Don't Want To Do But Must Get Done!

by Rebecca Price

As the mother of a 6-month-old daughter and as an estate-planning attorney, this is a topic that is very near and dear to my heart. It is also a topic about which I am questioned frequently by friends and acquaintances who also have, or are expecting, children. I have heard many bashful confessions that estate planning is something people have thought about doing or know they need to do, but haven't gotten around to doing. Others believe that they are too young and healthy for anything to happen to them. Some say they cannot afford the expense or the time required, some think they do not have enough property to make it worthwhile, and some are just uncomfortable thinking about and planning for death. While planning for the possibility of your death, incompetence, or disability may be considered akin to getting a root canal (or worse), it is also something that, once completed, can bring peace of mind.

Let's start with the basics: Why do you need to have an estate plan in place? The number one reason is to ensure that your significant other and your minor children are taken care of in the event of your death or disability. Are you really willing to take the

chance that Ohio law, and perhaps a judge, would distribute your estate and award guardianship of your minor children to the same people that you would? That is a pretty big gamble!

If you are legally married and do not have a will, then under Ohio law your spouse will inherit your entire estate, if your spouse is the natural or adoptive parent of all of your children. That may be fine with some people, but what if you have children from a previous relationship? Then your estate will be divided according to a formula where your spouse will get a portion of your estate and your children will also get a portion of your estate. Will that formula adequately distribute your assets so as to take care of the needs of your spouse and your children? If you are not married, then your children would inherit everything from you and your significant other would get nothing.

Worse than property division, let's presume every parent's worst nightmare comes true: you and your spouse both die in a tragic accident together. Who is going to have custody of your children? Unlike distributing your assets without a will, there is no standard formula for determining who becomes guardian of your children.

A judge, based on his own opinion of the evidence presented, is responsible for deciding who would make the best guardian. After losing both parents, the last thing any child is going to want to do is participate in a court hearing/battle over who will become their guardian, particularly if there is a fight between family members. Is a family member even the best person to assume custody?

If you have a will, you can designate who you want to have physical custody of your children, as well as a separate person to be in charge of the assets that you have left to them. For some people this may be the same person, but you can also choose two separate people (sometimes the best caregiver may not

be the best financial custodian). In my opinion, the number one reason to have an estate plan in place when you have young children is to designate a physical guardian for them and to make sure their financial needs are taken care of.

The unfortunate truth is that people die at all ages. You need a will unless you want to gamble that Ohio law and a probate court judge will carry out your wishes without instruction. Just think about the time you spend bundling them up in winter, buckling them up in the car, worrying about what they are eating; the list goes on and on. Shouldn't you also have a plan to take care of them if you are not around?

Rebecca Price is a member of the law firm of Gallup & Burns.

Abby Johnson's Tree Dedication Ceremony

by Holly Lauch

As part of Lakewood's Park Donation Program named Dana's Legacy, a tree has been donated in the name of Abby Johnson. Join Abby's friends and family for the tree dedication to be held Saturday, November 14, 2 p.m. at Lakewood Park.

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Lakeland resident, Mark Matteo plants daffodils for next spring.

# 300 Daffodils Planted On Lakeland Avenue

by Joan Tropf

The Lakeland Avenue Block Club recently completed a street beautification project. Lakeland neighbors planted over 300 mixed daffodil bulbs in their front yards for all to enjoy next spring.

Bulbs were purchased in bulk with a minimum contribution by the participating neighbors. Petitti Garden Center also graciously pro-

vided additional daffodil bulbs to the project.

So, next April, make sure to include Lakeland Avenue (between Detroit Ave. and Hilliard Ave.) on your spring walk.

The Lakeland Avenue Block Club is co-chaired by Mara Manke and Carol Mason. The Lakeland Daffodil Project was co-ordinated by Kim Langley and Joan Tropf.

# City Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood began collecting loose leaves on Monday, November 2, 2009 and will continue until approximately Friday, December 11, 2009, weather permitting. Prior to November 2 and after December 11, leaves will be collected only when they are properly contained and set out along with regular refuse and recycling.

Due to the excessive amount of leaves on Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue, these streets will be collected separately. Collection crews will start working at the east end of Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue and work west until completed. Collection pick-up for these streets is scheduled to begin on November 2 with additional pick-ups beginning November 16 and November 30.

After crews have completed Clifton and Lake, they will collect leaves citywide starting from the west end and working east. The number of citywide collections will be weather dependent. Residents should place their leaves out as soon as possible to ensure collection.

For daily leaf collection schedule updates, visit [www.onelakewood.com/leafcollection](http://www.onelakewood.com/leafcollection).

In order to make the leaf collec-

tion process as effective as possible, the City asks residents to please rake leaves onto tree lawns as close to the curb as possible. Raking leaves into the street will slow the collection process and may cause basement flooding.

There will be no leaf collection on November 26 and 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions, please call (216) 529-6810 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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